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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

GATES GIVE UP

John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker, expiring Communist daily paper, said on resigning from the party that "I have come to the reluctant conclusion that the party cannot be changed from within and that the fight to do so is hopeless."

The "change" which Gates, who still considers himself a Communist at heart, wished to see made, was to make the party in America less a puppet of the Kremlin, more willing to admit that the Kremlin and the current party line, whatever it may be from time to time, is not infallible.

In short, Gates made the mistake of thinking of Communism as a political party, when in fact it is a conspiracy.

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THE 'LABOR LINE'

That easy platitude does not, however, exhaust the significance of the Gates episode for us labor people. Its deeper significance lies in its reminding us that we labor people have long done the same kind of damage to our movement which Gates feels the Communist movement is doing to itself. That is, too many of us have assumed that there is a "labor line" to be held as remote from questioning or reconsidering as is the famous "party line" of the Commies.

This assumption that there is a "labor line" which must never be violated nor questioned protected crooks who had crept into the labor movement all too long. Behind that bulwark of the "labor line" business agents whose salaries were known to be inadequate for such squandering could fly their racehorses around the country in airplanes.

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VARIOUS, TURBULENT

Truth is, there is no absolute undeviating "labor line." The labor movement is vast, various, and turbulent because it is a vital organism, not a desiccated dogma.

Fortunately, some labor editors and officers are learning this, and presumably not all will have to give up in disgust as did John Gates in his movement.

Lawrence reappointed to accident commission

Frank Lawrence, former president of the California Building Trades Council, has been reappointed for a four-year term on the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Lawrence, now presiding commissioner of the commission's Northern California Panel 1, was backed for reappointment by the Building Trades Council here and other labor groups. He was reappointed by Governor Knight.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

BTC urges action now on registration

The Building Trades Council this week asked all affiliated local unions to get moving now on registration of their members for this year's elections.

Other action at the meeting included approval of the constitution of the new County Council for Political Education and resolutions instructing Business Representative J. L. Childers to attend State Federation of Labor and State Building Trades Council meetings January 25 to map a fight on the "right to wreck" initiative proposal.

The BTC approved a recommendation from its board of business agents that every local send a complete membership roster to Alameda County Clerk Jack Blue as soon as possible. Blue is to check the names against registration lists and determine which members are not registered.

The motion to ask the unions to act now was made by Bruce Dillashaw, of Cement Masons Local 594, in answer to suggestions that the unions' registration drive could wait until Blue launches his countywide registration campaign next month.

The registration check through the county clerk's office costs 5 cents per name, and the BTC urged that unions take positive action to effect it.

BTC Business Representative

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Steadman seeking city council seat

President Kenneth Steadman, of Steelworkers Local 3367, this week launched a campaign to give working people representation in the government of the new city of Fremont.

Steadman announced he is running for one of the two seats on the Fremont City Council to be filled at the April election, first since Fremont incorporated a year ago.

The present five-member council is made up of three big landowners, a businessman and a housewife, with no direct representation for the many Fremont citizens who are wage earners, he pointed out.

And he listed two immediate issues affecting all the Fremont residents, on which he differed with the present council.

They are a "loose" zoning

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Caruso, Woods selected as grand jury members

Two union officials, Romildo Caruso, of United Auto Workers Local 76, and Leroy Woods, of Culinary Workers and Bartenders Local 823, have been appointed to the Alameda County Grand Jury.

They were sworn in January 17 for a year's term on the 19-member body.

Williams fight shifted east

Paint Makers Local 1101, which has been in a tough strike battle with the C. K. Williams Company since October, took the fight into the enemy's country this week.

A picket from the Emeryville plant went to East St. Louis to set up a picket line at the main Williams plant there.

The action was an answer to management's refusal to continue negotiations last month in spite of a union concession on its maintenance of membership demand.

Prior to the new move, the union had received assurances of cooperation from Teamsters and Paint Makers locals in the areas and from the St. Louis and East St. Louis Central Labor Councils.

As the picket, accompanied by Richard Groulx, assistant secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, left for East St. Louis, the company opened a new attack on the union here.

While the Paint Makers was still trying to get legal action against an Emeryville strikebreaker who ran down and injured a picket, the company issued a broadside series of contempt citations.

It got an order to show cause why the union, 13 pickets and several labor officials should not be held in contempt for alleged violation of an injunction which the company secured regulating picketing early in the strike.

The company said the violations it charged occurred as long ago as last October.

The order named the union,

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Unions back transit district plea to keep rails on Bay Bridge

Alameda County union representatives this week urged the State Public Utilities Commission to rescind its order allowing Key System to remove its rails from the Bay Bridge.

President F. V. Stambaugh, of Carmen's Union Division 192, and Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary Art Hellender were among witnesses at a PUC hearing. They backed up the Alameda-Contra Costa County Transit District's plea that the PUC reconsider its rail removal decision.

They pointed out that, besides cutting employment for Key System workers, the plan to substitute buses for trains on the bridge ran counter to the Bay Area rapid transit scheme.

The city of San Francisco and several East Bay civic groups have urged retention of the rails.

On the other side of the fence was Oakland Mayor Clifford Rishell, who urged the rail removal be affected in a hurry.

CLC delegates seated

Delegates seated by the Central Labor Council this week were William Essig, Machinists Lodge 284, and Phillip Kogler, Bottlers Local 896.



GENERAL BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE E. H. Vernon received a 35-year pin and a merit citation at the recent installation of East Bay Auto Machinists, Lodge 1546. Pictured above, with Vernon are (left) Scotty Bendell and (right) Jack Clark, financial secretary of Lodge 1546 who were awarded their 35-year pins at previous ceremonies.—See story on Page 3.

Don't sign 'wreck' law petitions, labor warns

The state attorney-general's office was expected to give a title to the so-called "right to work" initiative petition this week as labor was readying a powerful fight on the anti-union shop proposal.

Union members and others who wish to preserve stable labor-management relations may stop "right to wreck" laws in the first skirmish if they refrain from signing the petition and persuade their friends not to sign it, union groups pointed out.

Delegates to the California Labor League for Political Education conference in Los Angeles were told that the measure would be circulated as soon as it had a title. It was filed last week by a group calling themselves "voluntary unionists."

Its proponents must collect 322,429 signatures of registered voters if they are to put it on the November ballot and get a vote on its measures, outlawing the union shop and threatening welfare and pension systems.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash, reporting on the CLLPE conference this week, told the council:

"The important thing is to get to union members not once but several times the importance of not signing this petition. They must be told this on the job, on the street, anywhere they are."

Ash read the major provision of the "wreck" initiative to the CLC meeting.

One big threat to union members, he said, is the clause which would prohibit workers from paying any fees, charges or other contributions to unions as a condition of employment.

This provision, California State Federation of Labor Attorney Charles Scully told the CLLPE conference, could prohibit health and welfare plans where part of the payment is made by union members through their unions.

Any form of the union or closed shop would be outlawed as would be any union contract requiring membership in union.

Present union shop clauses would end, not when the contracts expire, but on the first reopenings.

If any union signed a union shop contract under such a law, the signers would be guilty of a misdemeanor, but a court could hold that agreeing to sign is a conspiracy which is a felony punishable by prison.

In anticipation of the fight against the "right to wreck" movement, State Federation Sec-

retary C. J. Haggerty this week called representatives of all central labor councils and building trades councils in the state to a strategy session Saturday, January 25 in San Francisco.

Haggerty said it was "imperative" that all councils be repre-

ASH TO ANSWER R-W PITCH IN OAKLAND DEBATE JAN. 27

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash will answer the "right to work" arguments Monday, January 27 in a debate with Winston Caldwell, president of the California Association of Employers.

The session is at 8 p.m. at Westlake Junior High School, 26th and Harrison Streets, under auspices of the Oakland Civic Forum.

That night's CLC meeting will meet at the Labor Temple at 7 p.m.—one hour early to complete nominations for trustee and then adjourn in a body to the debate. William Stumpf, of Steelworkers Local 3702, whose trustee term is expiring, was the only nominee this week. He was nominated by Trustee Charles Jones of Food Clerks 870 and the nomination was seconded by Douglas Geldert, of Building Service 118, the third trustee.

sented at the meeting, set for Musicians Hall, 230 Jones Street.

Additional literature telling how the "wreck" proposal would wreck unions and stable labor relations is being prepared by the State Federation, Ash reported. It will be made available to unions as soon as the initiative is titled.

C. L. McMonagle wins in Lodge 1546 election

C. L. McMonagle was elected business representative of Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 January 21 in a five-way race to succeed the late Carl Englund.

He defeated Ernest Andrews, H. Smitz, Jim Edwards and Bud Madeiros for the business representative post. A total of 311 votes was cast in the election which took place at the Lodge 1546 meeting.

McMonagle takes office February 1. He is a member of the law and legislative committee and the executive board among other union offices.

HOW TO BUY

Phoney appliance ads on increase

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Misleading ads for appliances and other home equipment and cars are on the increase as dealers and distributors intensify their competition for your vanishing buying dollars. There are many genuine bargains in appliances this winter, with eight-pound automatic washers actually offered for as low as \$135, and cut prices in refrigerators too. But some of the purported "bargains" are not at cheap as they seem.

One trick is exaggerating the list prices so people think they are getting a reduction when the price really is no less than many other stores charge, and sometimes even more. Another widespread device is to misrepresent the features of home machines.

The responsibility for the current wave of misleading ads has been pinned on both dealers and the newspapers and other advertising media, by George Young, outspoken president of the Cincinnati Better Business Bureau. Newspapers and radio stations promise to ban the phoney ads when the Better Business Bureau points them out. But often they don't keep their promises because they don't want to lose the advertising revenue, Mr. Young charges.

Perhaps the meanest selling of all is the current campaign throughout the country to sell garbage disposal units. Among tactics used by salesmen to pressure people into buying disposals have been the threat of polio, and false claims that authorities are going to compel their installation.

A young couple bought a disposal unit for \$220 after the salesman falsely told them the city was going to require such units. Of the \$220, the salesman got \$55 for his commission. The couple could have bought such a unit at any reputable store for \$60 plus about \$38 for installation. In addition to the \$220 price, the couple is paying \$64 in carrying charges on the contract, which is more than the actual value of the unit.

Also beware of firms that advertise garbage disposers for a rental fee of \$1 a month, or similarly low charges. Better Business Bureaus have found such firms sometimes use a low-price rental offer to try to switch customers from renting to buying. In fact, they often have no intention of renting the units.

Here are facts to avoid disappointment and tell the real bargains from the fake at sales:

Washing-machine ads often say "fully automatic" or "completely automatic." A washer described this way is supposed to have thermostatic water-temperature control. There are lower-priced automatic washers

which do go through an entire cycle of washing, rinsing and water extraction without any manual attention from you. But while they may be all you need, they don't have the thermostat control which enables you to dial different water temperature for different fabrics, as hot water for cottons and warm water for nylon.

Water softeners often are a field of misrepresentation and "scare" selling. It's always advisable to phone your city water department before buying, to find out if you actually need a softener and what type to get. It's particularly important to buy a softener only from a company that provides service facilities in your area. You should expect a guarantee of ten years on the tank, with a one-year guarantee on the regenerating mechanism. Be wary of so-called "lifetime" guarantees. These are generally false, and reputable companies do not give such a warranty.

Sewing machine misrepresentations are widespread as distributors exaggerate features to exploit the interest of women in zig-zag machines, and use other high-pressure devices.

A genuine zig-zag machine has a needle which can move from side to side as well as up and down so you can make buttonholes, embroider, overcast seams and do other skilled sewing jobs without attachments. Straight-stitch machines also can do some of these jobs but you have to use special attachments.

But even in the zig-zag machines there are differences. Some are semi-automatic in that the machine can control the swing of the needle, to permit both straight and zig-zag stitching, but does not permit as many fancy stitches automatically as does the fully-automatic machine.

In television sets, watch out for ads for big reductions on sets that are really old models. All distributors reduce the prices of last year's sets when the new ones come out. Some recent ads observed in various parts of the country, claiming big reductions, really were for models that were several years old.

Fox trot, waltz survive

The fox trot and the waltz have more youthful adherents than rock 'n roll does, according to a recent survey.

Concluding that today's teenagers are old-fashioned in many ways, the survey found also that most youngsters believe in raising large families, and that boys still carry their girl friends' books home from school.

The survey was conducted by the Youth Research Institute.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

3000 NECKTIES were returned to five big department stores in the week following Christmas, says a trade report.

"Men don't like that gay stuff," said the manager of one of the stores. "They want good stripes and mannish prints. But women are always attracted by fancy patterns."

At another store, velvet smoking jackets were the most returned item.

"Let's face it," said the store manager, "men would rather lounge around the house in an old pullover sweater."

A GIFT is a gift is a gift is a gift is not, so far as we know, a line ever written by the famous lady who announced that "a rose is a rose is a rose..." But sometimes one thinks it would be a good line to have in mind. For this business—and it's getting to be a pretty big business!—of exchanging a Christmas gift you don't want for something you prefer, takes much of the sentiment out of gift-giving and gift-receiving.

There are still some men who would not dream of having to wish returned to the store in exchange for something else a necktie that the wife had carefully chosen as something she'd like to see her man wear. If she really put her heart and her careful choosing into selecting that necktie, then it's a darned good necktie.

MAYBE OFFHAND he doesn't like it very much. Or maybe there's some one little thing about it he doesn't think quite the best on earth. But after all, that's the way he learned to like her so much, too: she had some little traits he wasn't exactly crazy over, but he learned to think of them as hers, so believe him, they're okay!

In short, love her, love that necktie!

U. S. started chemise fad

Midway through 1957 there was a tremendous hubbub made about a new look in fashion; this was the chemise, or relaxed silhouette.

This now-famous departure elicited as many unfavorable comments as praiseworthy ones, but one thing is certain—it set tongues wagging.

However, long before the chemise became a cause celebre, it was developing slowly but steadily here in America, says a fashion expert.

"Then Paris got behind it and underlined its simple, ingenious cut with greatly shortened skirts; the rest is not only history but the shape of fashion for 1958."

Flavor

To restore the flavor of canned vegetables reduce the liquid one-half by boiling it rapidly in an uncovered sauce-pan. Then add the vegetables and heat to serving temperature.

Barbara Bell Patterns



The very newest for the six to fourteen miss—a darling classic that has a delightful grown-up look. Short or three quarter sleeves are provided.

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Don't miss the Fall and Winter 1957 issue of Basic Fashion, our complete pattern catalog. It's chock-full of sew-easy, up-to-the-minute styles for every size. Send 25 cents today.

Kind of adult teenagers admire

What kind of adults do teenagers look to for guidance?

"Someone young in spirit, who will guide but not dictate to them. Someone who still has the capacity to wonder with them about things."

So said the teenagers questioned by Joseph D. Burroughs, extension specialist in human relations at the University of Massachusetts.

Other attributes cited by the teenagers were: patience, imagination and a sense of humor.

TV and vision

Does television harm adult eyes? Not ordinarily, says a recent pamphlet by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. But the society cautions grown-ups as well as children against sitting too close to the set, watching a badly focused picture, and protracted viewing.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

IF JOHNNY can't read, don't blame the schools, blame the parents and the general home environment.

This is the conclusion of an eminent educator, Dr. Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia University, where every year some six hundred young people are selected from about three thousand applicants for the privilege of attending this institution of learning.

"We get the cream of the crop," says Dr. Kirk, "yet we are forced to provide remedial classes in the use of the English language."

"Too many parents," he continued, "are content to see their children come home from school with little home-work; too many are content to see their children choose high school courses unwisely; too many are content to see their children take the easy way through college."

He asks how many good books are brought and read in the average home, how much conversation is there about things other than trivia?

As we all know, the answer to that question is all too often: "Very little."

The sad fact seems to be that in our pursuit of a "higher standard of living" we have very little time left for what was once called "the higher things of life."

Not any one class, not merely teachers, not merely parents are guilty of this. We are all of us in it together.

Up to a point we all seek and need certain material comforts. Up to a point. But when too many of us make this pursuit of creature comforts our sole end and not a means to an end, then we are in trouble.

Our country has always been proud of our educational system. In many ways we should be. More children have more chances for an education than in any other country.

The thing we sometimes forget, however, is that mere quantity is not enough. We must have higher quality all along the line. That is the point of the warnings that men like Dr. Kirk are giving us, and to which we should pay such careful heed.

Danger of glass in chili powder

Alameda County Health Officer, Dr. James C. Malcolm, has warned to housewives and restaurants not to use Gebhardt's Eagle Chili Powder contained in one ounce and 3 ounce bottles.

The county health department joined the Gebhardt's Chili Powder Company and Federal Food and Drug Authorities in the warning that the bottles of chili powder may contain fragments of glass.

Public health sanitarians in all districts of the Alameda County Health Department are quarantining and removing from grocery shelves all one ounce and 3 ounce bottles of Gebhardt's Eagle Chili Powder throughout the county.

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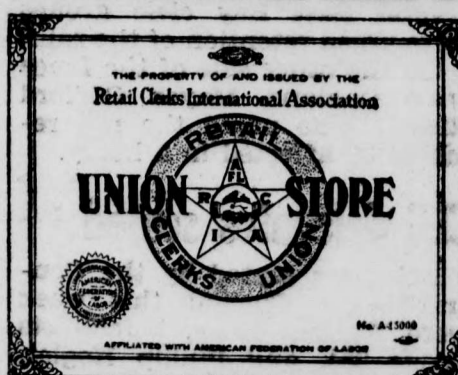
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Machinists 1546 install, award pins

East Bay Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 installed its new officers and awarded IAM Grand Lodge pins for long union membership at its meeting January 10.

Speakers included General Representative E. H. Vernon, who received a 35-year pin, and Grand Lodge Representative Lloyd Poesnecker.

Poesnecker warned that there were great doubts that 1958 would bring prosperity and that each union officer's job this year would be much harder than in previous times.

He urged that every union member and families of union members be registered to vote for important 1958 elections.

C. C. Brugge and Louis Petersen received 25-year pins. Pins for 15 years of membership in the union were awarded to:

Leland E. Austin, James F. Barnes, Harry B. Billings, Charles Bolliger, Victor Brockway, Harry Brodie, W. F. Bushall, A. W. Cook, H. M. Cook, D. D. Crossman, Wm. A. Dahl, R. D. Daugherty, Guy W. Dodson, Herman J. Dold, George L. Dukeshire, Gerald Elliott, A. E. Ellison, Melvin J. Fernandez, George J. Fredericks.

John C. Miller, Hugh Neill, Laurence Neves, John J. Paoletti, Oadth Parrot, W. E. Plowman, Floyd W. Purcell, D. L. Robertson, George W. Rogers, Elvin Rose, Al Rusek, Daniel H. Salisbury, R. W. Scarbrough, C. S. Schaeffer, Carl Schweigert, John C. Sheldon, Claude Sims, Laurence W. Snyder, Frank Stallings, Ted Stricherz, R. L. Tomkins, Merle A. Vice, C. Vralsted, Homer Wilson, D. R. Witt, Ralph Wood, P. M. Zontine.

C. L. Garfield, William J. Gates, George J. Gier, Martin Gjertsen, Earl E. Gray, Lawrence L. Gross, Daniel J. Herman, Roland S. Hill, Swan O. Hokanson, Glen Helfeltz, E. E. Kotler, P. Lamberti, Norris F. Larson, Leo C. Martin, Anthony Mazur, E. N. McEvers, Minscal McGahey, T. T. Meelberg, Frank G. Miles.

Engineers Union new McClellan quiz target

The McClellan special Senate committee opened new hearings in Washington January 21 on alleged improprieties by officials of the Operating Engineers and employers in the field.

Among the witnesses, Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) said, will be union President William E. Maloney and former Vice President Joseph S. (Joey) Fay, on parole from Sing Sing prison after serving six years of a sentence for extortion.

Subpenas were served on three officers and the bookkeeper of Operating Engineers Local 3 in San Francisco for the hearing. They are Local 3 President Pat Clancy, Recording Secretary C. F. Mathews, Treasurer P. E. Vanewark and E. L. Garrett, the local's bookkeeper.

Local 3's former president, Victor Swanson, was ousted by the international on corruption charges last year after he had been found guilty to mailing a death threat to a union member and giving false information to the FBI. He was fined \$7,500 and placed on two years probation.

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15-YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS of East Bay Auto Machinists 1546 are pictured above after Past President Bill Almeida presented their pins signifying 15 years continuous membership in the International Association of Machinists. Pictured also are Jack Clark, chairman of the evening, 35 years, Scotty Bendell, 35 years, E. H. Vernon who was presented his 35 year pin at the ceremony and C. C. Brugge and Louis Petersen 25 years.

Bakers local stays in old union; waits for session of International in March

Oakland Bakery Workers Local 119 has voted to take no action for the present on joining the new American Bakery and Confectionery Workers.

The local voted by a wide margin to remain in the expelled Bakery Workers International Union. Members who spoke against a resolution to quit the old international urged that the local wait and see what happens at a convention called by Bakery Workers International in Cincinnati in March.

The American Bakery Workers was set up by the AFLCIO when it ousted the Bakery Workers International on corruption charges.

Daniel E. Conway, president and secretary-treasurer of the new union, said this week that employer representatives had agreed that members of locals joining the ABC would retain pension and welfare coverage.

This means, he said, that seceding locals will keep their equities in pension and welfare funds.

Conway said that seceding locals now total 45,500 members. Among them is Local 24 in San Francisco. The old international attempted last week to hold a trial of ABC officers, but the new union's leaders boycotted the session.

Local 'wreck' measure banned by appeal court

A local "right to work" law in Palm Springs has been overturned by the Riverside County superior court, and the ban was upheld this week by a state appeals court.

The appellate ruling, issued by the Fourth District Court of Appeals in San Bernardino, held that the law was contrary to the state's public policy — which so far has not been saddled with the "right to wreck" philosophy sought in a statewide initiative petition.

Under existing state law, the appeals court ruled, negotiation of contracts is left up to voluntary agreement.

All that could change if the "right to wreck" initiative is voted into law.

AN ESTIMATED 17,000 American workers were engaged primarily in repairing and maintaining typewriters in mid-1956, the U. S. Labor Department reports in its Occupational Outlook Handbook.

School tax session set

The proposed \$1.12 increase in Oakland's school tax rate ceiling for needed construction will be discussed by the general membership of the League of Women Voters of Oakland at 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, at Sanborn Park Clubhouse, 1637 Fruitvale Avenue. The League will vote on the issue.

Kollmeyer reelected in Machinist run-off vote

Business Representative John J. Kollmeyer was reelected by Machinists Lodge 284 in a run-off vote last week.

Kollmeyer and W. S. Danielson were tied in regular balloting December 3, making the run-off necessary.

Return of needless fee for machinists' job sought from agency

East Bay Union of Machinists Steelworkers, Local 1304 has filed a complaint with the state labor commissioner for the return of the \$110 which a Local 1304 member paid a private employment agency to be referred to a job in his local's jurisdiction.

Lloyd Ferber, a Local 1304 delegate, told the Central Labor Council that chances appeared good for return of the payment. Had the machinist bypassed the agency, his union would have referred him free to the job, Ferber pointed out.

"We seem to have people in the labor movement, who will pay a private agency for the name of some plant which may hire them," he said, "but they kick about paying dues to the union which would give them the same service free."

"We've cured that member of going to private agencies."

Assistant CLC Secretary Art Hellender reported that a CLC delegation had asked the state department of employment to change the wording of a department form which suggests that jobless persons must register with private agencies.

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Williams fight shifted east

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Business Agent Pete Ceremello, Groulx, Les Moore, of Auto and Ship Painters Local 1176, and the pickets, accusing them of various threats and violence and other violations of the injunctions.

Union Attorney Paul Paduck commented:

"This seems to be a nuisance suit filed as a smokescreen to divert attention from the union's

MORE CASH AID NEEDED FOR STRIKERS AT C. K. WILLIAMS

Contributions continued to pile up this week for the strike of Paint Makers Local 1101 against the C. K. Williams Company, but more help was urgently needed, Business Agent Pete Ceremello said.

Unions as far away as Reading, Pa., and St. Louis as well as Bay Area locals have contributed badly needed help to the strike fund.

attempt to get a prosecution against the strikebreaker who knocked down a picket and severely injured him.

"The company charges these alleged violations occurred many months ago in a suit which was filed just a week ahead of the district attorney's hearing on the complaint which the union is asking."

The order is returnable in superior court here January 27. The district attorney's hearing on the union's request for action against the strikebreaker is set for February 4.

Connelly reelected by Theatrical Employees

Business Manager Joe Connelly was reelected by acclamation this week in balloting for officers of Local B-82, Theatrical Employees' Union.

Others elected were: President, Jack Lubkert; vice president, Florence Forsberg; recording secretary-treasurer, William B. Taylor; executive board members, Claire Costello, Ethel Day, Shirley Hart, Frances Lockett, Charlotte Thomsen, Elmer Loofbourrow and Martin Schlom; delegates to County Theatrical Federation, William B. Taylor, Jack Lubkert and Joe Connelly.

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By JIM MARTIN

Our delegates to the California State Building Trades convention, held recently in Fresno, gave their reports at our last membership meeting and were very well received. All delegates reported on the "Right to Work" legislation and stressed the importance of members and their wives and relatives registering and voting.

It was also pointed out that the State Federation is requesting money to be used for publicity, such as, TV, bill boards, pamphlets, etc., in order to combat this type of legislation. Our membership voted that our next meeting to be held on February 6, 1958 be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of proposing an assessment of one dollar per member to help defray these expenses. You have received information explaining the "Right to Work" measure, etc. Now, it is up to you to do your part and that is to Register, Vote, and contribute one dollar so that LABOR can defeat this measure and help elect candidates friendly to LABOR.

The Negotiating Committee recommended to the membership that the twenty-five cent increase, negotiated last year, effective July 1, 1958, which provided that the membership has the option to decide whether to apply the twenty-five cents to our present wage scale or for a Vacation Plan (details to be worked out if accepted) be placed on a ballot. This will enable all members to vote by secret ballot. You will also vote for Delegates to the coming California Pipe Trades Convention on this ballot. The Negotiating Committee's report was accepted by the membership and the above procedure will prevail.

Remember the date February 6 as it is very important that you attend this meeting.

Chips and Chatter

By BILL MARSHALL

The official union notice section of this paper is starting to carry notices of special called meetings to elect delegates to various state conventions. I assume that these conventions are of great importance in determining policy and other business of the particular organization. I do know that the Carpenter Convention will be of major importance, as several changes of operating policy of the State Council have been proposed.

I would like to urge everyone, no matter to which union he may belong, to attend his respective local meeting and vote for the delegates of his choice.

When I was Recording Secretary of my local, I was often disappointed when only a relative

few would show up to a special meeting after I had worked hard to mail the special notices—even during wage negotiations. Too bad it's not in good taste to put "Damn it fellows—show up and vote!" on your notices.

Plumbers Local 444

By BEN H. BEYNON

Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 held the regular Executive Board meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 1958 at 7:00 p.m. They adjourned the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened at a Special Called meeting with the Business Manager, the two Business Representatives, the President and the Finance Board. The Special Order of Business was the registration of our membership and a discussion on the Right to Work measure.

Another meeting of the Joint Boards was held for a Special Order of Business on Wednesday, January 15, 1958 at 7:00 p.m. They formulated plans for a special called St. Valentines Day membership rally meeting including the wives of the members. The Chairman, George Hess, appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of Ben H. Beynon, Chairman, with Arthur M. Cleary, Bert J. Porter, Clyde Cole, Seymour Bachman and Wallace "Hayshaker" Hicks.

The rally night has been set by the Joint Boards for Saturday, February 15, 1958—PLEASE CIRCLE THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR. You will receive an announcement of the meeting with details together with self-addressed postal card back to the Union. Please fill this out promptly and return.

There will be a first-class buffet supper served to everyone in attendance, followed by an evening of dancing to a good orchestra.

Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

A "White Elephant" party will be held Friday, January 24, by the Women's Auxiliary of the Oakland Typographical Union.

Prizes will be offered at the affair, to be held at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Gladys Hardin, 1235 Parket Street, Berkeley.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

A newspaper advertisement advertising a watch repair price, especially in downtown San Francisco, is not a usual occurrence, therefore, when one does appear, the union office is swamped with reports of this violation.

Such was the case when B & O Jewelers of 88 - 2nd Street, San Francisco, ran a \$4.50 watch repair ad in the San Francisco Examiner.

I visited this establishment the very first day this ad appeared in the newspaper and was successful in having the price advertising stopped. We also left an agreement and hope to be able to report in the very near future that this shop is union.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: The By-Laws of this local state that all members must be registered voters.

Due to the great importance

of the next election, we are requiring the members to comply with this section of the By-Laws.

Each member must mail, or bring to the union office, the envelope received from the Registrar of Voters, showing his or her eligibility to vote in the primary election.

If you are not registered, you must do so prior to April 1st. Failure to register will be a direct violation of the By-Laws and subject to penalties, which will be enforced.

While on the subject of voting—it appears that a "Right to Work" petition will be circularized for signatures. Please tell your friends that for their best interests, they should not sign this petition. We do not feel that we need ask you personally not to sign, as we believe you realize what your union has done for you.

The second bowling match between the San Francisco and Oakland Union Bowling Teams will take place on Sunday, January 26th at 4:00 p.m. at the Broadway Bowl, West Grand Avenue and Broadway (approximately 22nd and Broadway), in Oakland.

After the bowling match, the teams with their wives, will partake of refreshments at the home of Tom Ashmore, 4836 Harbord Drive, Oakland.—Tom said that anyone wishing to attend is invited, but they should be informed that it is to be a "Hard Times" get-together.

Theatrical Local B-82

By JOE CONNELLY

The complete election results appear elsewhere in this edition.

The subject of injuries is one that every employee should be cognizant with. Whether he is injured or a patron of his place of employment is injured.

Report to the person in charge any injury you may encounter whether your own or one to a patron.

No matter how seemingly slight at the time a report should be made for your protection as well as the employer.

Some seemingly slight injuries may not show their seriousness until a much later date.

In the case of a patron, use judgment in rendering assistance so that at a future date the patron will not be in a position to say that you complicated matters with your assistance, no matter how well meaning at the time.

You as an employee are covered by Workmens' Compensation Insurance. The patron is also covered.

This column may be repetitious to some, but two recent reports of injured employees cause us to take up the matter at this time. In one instance the employee followed the proper procedure, in the other he did not.

Up and down the aisle... Former member Ray Maginot moving from the Laurel to the Fruitvale to replace the recently deceased McCabe Cooley... Bill Chaffee, will take over the Laurel post... The final meeting of the month is slated for the 4th Saturday (25th) at 10 a.m. Next month will inaugurate the practice of only one meeting a month—the third Thursday at 11 p.m. instead of the former 11:30 p.m., in conformity with the recommendations presented at the special meeting of December 30, 1957 and adopted by the membership at that time.

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Ernest M. Upshaw, slum foe, safety advocate, dies at 61

Ernest M. Upshaw, pioneer in urban renewal work and a hard worker for safety in the construction industry, died here January 16. He was 61.

He was the president of Fidelity Roofing Company and made a unique one-man assault on slums here, buying, repairing and modernizing homes in blighted areas.

William Phalanger, financial secretary-treasurer of Roofers Local 81, paid tribute to Upshaw with whom he made a statewide campaign several years ago to improve safety standards in the roofing industry.

"He was one of the finest," Phalanger said, "an extremely fair employer and interested in the welfare of the whole community."

"Without his work for urban renewal, Oakland would be far behind its present stage in the battle on blighted areas."

Phalanger, as president of the State Council of Roofers, and Upshaw, as head of the California State Roofers Association, barnstormed the state in 1952 and 1953 seeking better safety in the roofing industry.

Upshaw who lived at 113 Arbor Drive, Piedmont, died after a brief attack of bronchial pneumonia. He had been in contracting business in the East Bay since 1937.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen; two sons, Monty, a University of California track star, and John, and two daughters, Mrs. Terry Jean Mossop, of San Antonio, Texas, and Georgia Upshaw, of Piedmont.

Funeral services were held January 17.

Old fashioned box social slated by Carpenter local

Members of Carpenters Local 1622 and their friends will enjoy an old fashioned basket social Friday, February 14, to raise funds for a union member who has been stricken by blindness.

The affair will be held at the Hayward Labor Temple, 1541 Mattox Road, Hayward, at 8 p.m. Ladies will bring box lunches for two, and the lunches will be auctioned.

Dancing and entertainment will round out the program. Proceeds will be used to send a union member to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., for treatment in an effort to restore his sight.

High Court outlaws fee, permit for union work

A United States Supreme Court decision has outlawed a series of southern ordinances which cripple union organization by requiring that union officials must have city permits and pay huge fees for the privilege of building up unions.

The court declared one such ordinance in Baxley, Ga., unconstitutional, thereby nullifying all similar laws in scores of southern cities.

In Baxley, under the now dead ordinance, an organizer had to pay \$2,000 for his permit and then turn over \$500 to the city for each person he induced to join a union.

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You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

Special Called Meeting Friday, January 24, 1958, at 8:00 p.m. at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

Purpose: To elect delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters Convention.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

The next regular meeting of January 24, 1958 has been designated a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing a delegate or delegates to the State Conference of Painters Convention. Please attend this important meeting.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

I also wish to remind the many Brothers that anyone wishing to register to vote for the next election can do so at the meeting of the Local Union.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 1958. Members please attend!

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

At the last meeting of your local of January 9, 1958, the members present voted the endorsement of the new School Tax ceiling of \$3.12. This is to be voted on in the City of Oakland, February 18, 1958.

The labor movement of Oakland believes that their children should have better schools, as some of them are pretty run down.

This new tax ceiling would also put quite a few men to work in the many schools in Oakland.

Let's talk to our friends to vote "Yes" on this proposition and help put this new tax ceiling over.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Special Called Meeting, Friday, February 7, 1958, at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1227 - 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Death assessment No. 422 is now due and payable. Brother Henry Broderick, No. 69500, a member of Local No. 104, San Francisco, who passed away on December 5, 1957.

A special membership meeting of Local No. 216 is going to be held on Wednesday, February 19, 1958. Please make arrangements to attend. You will also be notified of this meeting by mail in the near future.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD,
Bus. Rep.

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

After the regular meeting of Friday night, February 7, 1958, a special meeting is scheduled to appoint nominees to run as delegates to the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, and the Southern Alameda County Voters League. The nominee elected as the delegate to the Voters League will fill out the unexpired term of Brother Swanson who has resigned due to other commitments. Election at a later date.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held on the night of February 1, 1958. We have changed the meeting place for that night only, so please come and see the hall and if you approve, we can retain it for a future meeting place, so it will be EAGLES HALL, 2238 SAN PABLO AVENUE in Berkeley for our next meeting. The executive board will please meet at 7 o'clock so that the regular meeting will be able to start at 8:00 p.m. to make it easier for the members to find the hall. Go to San Pablo and Bancroft and you will see the sign of the Eagles Hall on the west side of the avenue.

Fraternally,
CHAS. HOBBS
Sec.-Treas.

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, on February 1, 1958, at 2:00 p.m. There will be a run-off election at this meeting for one Executive Board member at large.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:00 a.m.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 1958, in Hall "A" on the first floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California, with the following agenda:

1. We will have the regular order of business.
2. Mimeographed report by your Business Manager in behalf of your six delegates to the California State Building & Construction Trades Convention which was held in Fresno on December 16, 17 and 18, 1957.
3. A special request from your Business Manager is to try and give one night a month (making only twelve nights a year) to attending your union meetings. In this way, you would know first hand what some of the problems are, and how they affect you as a member of the Union.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec.

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

Geo. Johns hints measure to repeal state sales tax

San Francisco Labor Council Secretary George Johns hinted this week that unions may seek a measure on this year's ballot to repeal the state sales tax.

Johns said labor officials who have studied the possibility think the repealer would have a good chance to succeed.

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Living is getting to be a more expensive habit

To the accompaniment of growing unemployment, living costs continued to increase, reaching a record high in San Francisco in December.

The price index of the United States Labor Department's bureau of labor statistics hit a level 2.6 percent above that of December, 1956.

S. F. Teamster chiefs sworn in as registrars

All ten officers of San Francisco Teamsters Local 85 were sworn in as deputy registrars this week to help in labor's drive to get out the vote for this year's elections.

After the oath-taking ceremony at San Francisco city hall, the new deputies registered union members at a meeting of the local.

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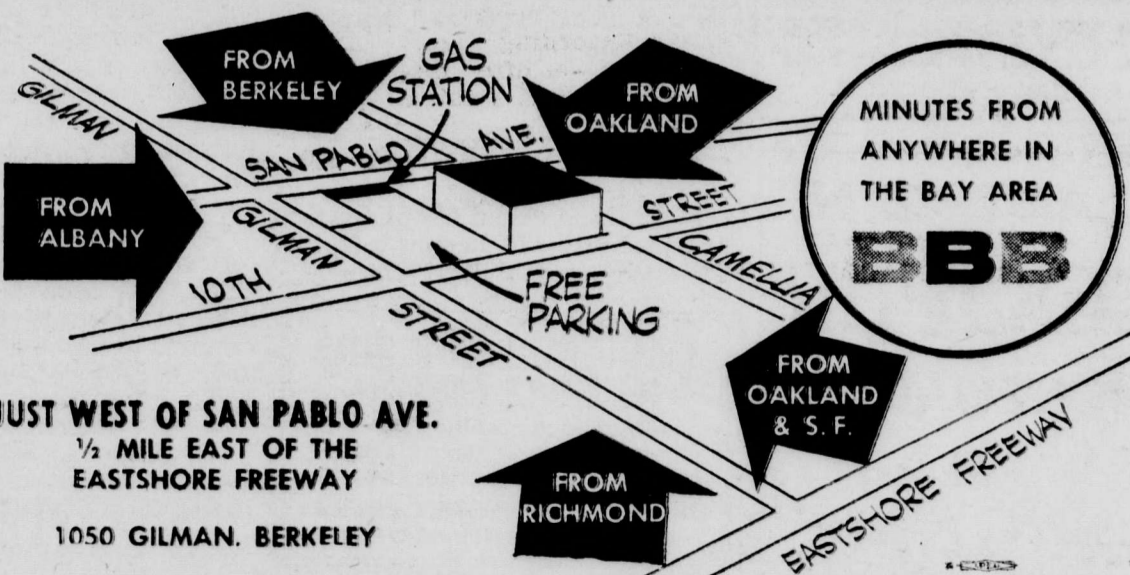
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UAW-sponsored co-op home tract opens at Milpitas

The first union-sponsored cooperative housing development in California opened at Milpitas Saturday, January 18, as ten families moved into houses made possible by United Auto Workers Local 560.

Their down payment on their \$12,000 to \$12,500 homes was a \$100 membership fee in Local 560's housing cooperative setup to provide housing which factory workers can afford.

The project is interracial, with four Negro families among the first home purchasers.

Ultimately, 1,500 homes will be built with Federal Housing Administration loans in the tract on Highway 17, two miles north of the Milpitas Ford Company plant where Local 560 members work.

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the entrance of the development, the new home-owners were welcomed by William Oliver, co-director of the UAW international's fair practices department; Sub-regional UAW Director Arnold Callan, and James Belda, regional director of the Federal Housing Administration.

Ben Gross, a Local 560 member who heads the housing cooperative, then handed the home buyers their front door keys.

Local 560 set up the cooperative to qualify for FHA-guaranteed loans. The first unit, now under construction will total 78 homes.

The second 162-home unit will begin in March and a third group of 282 homes is slated for construction start in June. Buyers have been signed up for the first two units and much of the third unit, Callan said.

Contract funds held illegal by high court

Employer contributions to union-management funds set up to handle contract matters were held in violation of the Taft-Hartley Act by the United States Supreme Court.

The court refused to review a lower federal court decision which enjoined contributions by the San Francisco Sheet Metal Contractors Association to such a fund.

The fund was set up by Sheet Metal Workers Local 75 in Vallejo and contractors.

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\$100 IS THE down payment on houses like this one in the new cooperative development sponsored by United Auto Workers Local 560 near Milpitas. UAW and FHA officials here are speaking at a ceremony marking the opening of the project. Home owners pay \$100 to join the UAW-sponsored cooperative and become eligible for loans without further down payment.

Teamster issue stalls Michigan talk on merger of AFL, CIO units

Refusal of the Michigan Federation of Labor to discuss merger terms unless Teamster delegates, were seated broke up a hearing in Detroit, ordered by AFLCIO President George Meany to investigate the delay.

AFLCIO Vice President Joseph D. Keenen one of two hearing officers, reaffirmed a ruling that representatives of the expelled Teamsters union could not sit in on merger discussions.

The session ended as Secretary Tom McNamara of the Detroit Building Trades Council said the MFL subcommittee unanimously rejected the ruling.

The issue was the seating of Gilbert Clark, Flint Teamsters official, who had taken out a card in the Painters.

Peter M. McGavin, assistant to Meany, detailed an earlier ruling that no delegate could take part in merger talks if he was working for and representing the Teamsters and if he is being paid by the Teamsters.

President Andrew McFarlane of the Detroit BTC replied that he was "very pessimistic" because his group was unanimous in naming its merger committee to meet with a state CIO committee.

"When this shotgun convention is held in Grand Rapids," McFarlane continued, "there'll be some people receiving an empty sack."

A special convention has been ordered for Grand Rapids February 24-28.

McFarlane asked about Clark's acceptability "if he got off the Teamster payroll." Keenan re-

fused to rule on this point, adding "We don't want to see anyone off a payroll."

The state federation group said Meany's representatives did not hold merger talks as the "labor movement understands democratic meetings."

Michigan CIO Council President Angus Scholle blamed President-elect James R. Hoffa, of the Teamsters for stalling earlier merger talks by insisting on settlement of jurisdictional matters first.—AFLCIO News.

Electronics apprentice, training plans told

A move to set up an apprenticeship program in the East Bay electronics industry was made this week.

Also planned are electronics trade courses at Oakland Junior College's Laney Technical Division.

First steps were taken at a meeting called by Richard Hooker, Laney Tech coordinator, of representatives of trade schools and the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

As a result of the meeting, Ralph Judish, apprenticeship consultant here of the division, said a survey will be made of East Bay plants in the electronics field.

Unions affected have been informed of the need for training and of the plans to meet it.

RICHMOND CROSS, son of former Berkeley Mayor Lawrence Cross, has been assigned to the Alameda County Central Labor Council to make a Coro Foundation survey of labor-management relations.

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More quit LWIU; ousted officials threaten locals

A move to spur the snowballing movement toward secession of "clean" local unions from the expelled Laundry Workers International Union will be made at a session called by the AFL-CIO for January 25 in Milwaukee.

The AFLCIO predicted that a big majority of the ousted union's membership would be represented at the session. Delegates will be told how they can get out from under the ousted international and become directly affiliated to the AFLCIO.

Meanwhile, officers of the LWIU, which was thrown out of the national labor body for corruption, were making threatening noises indicating a diehard fight to corral locals which have escaped the old international.

Ralph T. Fagan, general president of the LWIU, said his outfit would enforce a constitutional rule that no local can disaffiliate if three members disagree.

The provision can have no effect on the two locals here and one in San Francisco which quit Fagan's organization this month. The vote in former LWIU Locals 2 and 23 here and 7 in San Francisco was unanimous to accept directly affiliated charters.

Eddie Maney, business agent of former Local 2, now directly-affiliated Local 3012, confirmed that the three-member rule was in the LWIU constitution.

"The top officials wrote it themselves," he explained. "It never was confirmed by the membership or the delegates at any convention."

"If Fagan and his group don't think what we've done is legal, let them go to the courts."

Locals which have already moved out of the expelled international have 11,000 members.

THE COST OF inoculation against Asian influenza is a proper charge against the funds of a school district, Attorney General Edmund G. Brown has ruled.

Phone workers get \$4-\$5 weekly raise bid in national pact

Bay Area long lines telephone workers were voting this week on wage increases of \$4 to \$5 weekly, negotiated for them in a nationwide contract.

The master contract, affecting 25,000 employees, was agreed on in New York in bargaining between the Communications Workers of America and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Wage increases in the Bay Area are \$4 and \$5 for workers outside of major towns and \$5 across the board for those working in larger centers. Nationwide raises run from \$2 to \$5.

In northern California bargaining, contract provisions for life insurance and improvements in death and sick benefits have been gained.

The northern California contract covers Local 9415 in Oakland and all other CWA locals in the area except Local 9490 at Western Electric. Negotiations are underway to extend the provision to WE workers.

Local 9415 President Len Lawson said the new agreement makes life insurance available for 50 cents a month per \$1,000 the first \$1,000 worth to be paid for by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Workers now are eligible for sick benefits after six months employment, instead of two years as previously, and death benefits are payable after two instead of five years employment.

Foley appeals for aid to insurance agents union

Organization of insurance agents is showing gains in California, William Foley, secretary-treasurer of Insurance Agents Local 219, told the Central Labor Council.

Foley urged that members of other unions help the organized agents by insisting that any salesman who approaches them to sell insurance carries a union card.

Union members work for five insurance firms here, he said. They are Prudential, American National, Union Labor, Golden State and John Hancock, all life insurance companies.

For the first time, the union has cracked San Diego, where there are now 25 union members, he said.

Still unorganized in the Bay Area is the big Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, with 120 employees, he said.

Luis A. Ireland honored in Printing Week event

Printing trades union representatives and employers paid tribute last week to Luis A. Ireland, secretary of the San Francisco Employing Printers Association.

Ireland was honored at Fairmont hotel banquet, which was a feature of Printing Week. Ireland has served the printing industry continuously since 1919, as an employee of the Printers Board of Trade, NRA code director, wartime labor and industrial advisor and in his present post.

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M-Ward officials walk out on Clerks at mediation meet

Montgomery Ward negotiators walked out of a brief session with the Retail Clerks International Association last week, claiming that federal mediators were prejudiced in behalf of the union.

In a two-hour meeting in Chicago, called by the mediators, Ward announced that it had "nothing to offer" but its previous stand that wages are exclusively the company's affair.

Secretary Larry Vail, of the California State Council of Retail Clerks, said the company's new refusal to bargain would spoil the union's efforts to bring its case to the public.

Leaflets, telling the story of Ward's five months refusal to negotiate, were still being distributed at Ward stores. More than 1,000,000 had been passed out in the State, Vail said.

Harris Wilkin, of RCIA Food Clerks Local 870, told the Central Labor Council this week that, while the Oakland Ward stores are under Warehousemen's contract, the Clerks still are asking the public to heed their plea not to deal with any Ward store.

"We have no desire to hurt the union clerks at the Oakland Ward stores, and we are not asking them to violate their contracts to help us," he said, "but we are in a fight with Montgomery Ward."

"We are asking the general public to take its patronage somewhere else than Ward's."

He said it would be very helpful to the Clerks' nationwide fight if customers cancel Ward charge accounts and tell the company they are taking the action because of Ward's refusal to bargain.

Vail, in a letter to all local unions and Central Labor Councils, asked them to keep their membership informed of the Ward issues, display Clerks' posters, use "Don't Monkey With Ward's" stamps on their correspondence and ask for speakers from the Clerks.

Six Ward stores have been struck, one of them at Whittier, California.

Meanwhile, U. S. Senator Douglas, an Illinois Democrat, hinted at a possible congressional probe of Ward's labor policy. He wrote Clerks President James A. Suffridge and Ward President John Barr, indicating that a departure from bargaining for a master contract would "raise serious questions."

Old jobless insurance claims record topples

National unemployment records continued to fall this month with the biggest total of claimants for unemployment compensation in history.

The Labor Department's Bureau of Unemployment Security reported that 2,809,300 were seeking jobless benefits in the week ending January 4, topping the previous record set in January 1950.

The increase in the week was 448,900.

Recession stalls paroles for California prisoners

Even the state's parole program has been affected by the recession and growing joblessness.

Assistant CLC Secretary Art Hellender told the Central Labor Council that many men are still in prison after their paroles have been approved, because there are no jobs for them.

He urged union officials, however, to answer letters from such men even if they cannot be promised work. An answer will help morale of men waiting on the inside to join the community again, he said.

Tommy Roberts, veteran labor chief, civic leader, dead at 95

Thomas J. "Tommy" Roberts, the patriarch of Alameda County labor and secretary of the East Bay Regional Park District, died January 16, just a month after his 95th birthday.

A former international vice president of the Operating Engineers, he retired in 1947 as Oakland business representative of northern California Stationary Engineers Local 39 and was voted a life membership.

Tommy was a veteran delegate to the Alameda County Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council and served as fraternal delegate from each council to the other.

He had been a director of the Regional Park District since it was created and became secretary in 1934.

A recreational area and swimming pool in Redwood Regional Park was named for him in 1953 in recognition of his long service. In the early days of the regional park system, he went to Washington and got President Franklin D. Roosevelt's support for East Bay conservation efforts.

He was born in Sandusky, O., December 15, 1862 and was brought to Oakland in 1864, traveling with his parents by way of Panama to avoid Indian attacks.

His career which emphasized his motto: "Keep busy and you'll keep young," began in his early teens and included these jobs in succession: telegraph messenger, Southern Pacific fireman and engineer, tobacco salesman, stationary engineer, Oakland fireman and union official.

His membership in the union dated to 1901 when he helped organize the old Stationary Engineers Local 507 here. He became its business representative in 1920.

In the interim, he served as an Oakland fireman for 20 years.

After Local 507 and other northern California locals were merged into Local 39 in 1946 he remained as Oakland business representative until his retirement.

A high point of his early union career was the railroad strike of 1894 when federal troops were

called out to run the trains after a tough struggle.

A climax to his long service to labor was his attendance at the meetings which merged the



Tribune photo

T. J. "Tommy" ROBERTS

AFL and CIO here in February 1957.

He had no immediate survivors. His wife, Lillian, died in 1922 and a son, Edward, also is dead. Two nieces and four nephews survive.

He belonged to the Veteran Firemen's Association of Alameda County, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and the Oakland Elks and Moose Lodges.

A Requiem Mass was said January 18 at Old St. Mary's Church, Oakland, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

School Employees name Venturi, Machado, Falls local officers for 1958

President Fred Venturi and Recording Secretary Joe Falls led a list of incumbent officers reelected without opposition by Alameda County School Employees Local 257 at the union's January meeting.

The union elected George Machado vice president to replace the late George Moriarty.

Also reelected without opposition were Treasurer Victor Bartels and Financial Secretary Bill Minnick. George Perry was named new sergeant at arms.

Others elected: Executive board members at large—Charles Hardt, Mrs. Fred Venturi, Homer Stevens, Carl Boldt, Harold Benner; Central Labor Council delegates—Homer Stevens, Fred Venturi, Harold Benner, Ed DeLu; Delegates to Alameda County Council for Political Education—Fred Venturi, Homer Stevens.

Many work short week

The number of workers who were working less than 35 hours a week jumped by 50 percent between October and November, Government figures show. The October total was 10,000,000; November's, 15,000,000. Question: What is the Administration going to do to halt the decrease in work hours and increase in unemployment? — AFLCIO — COPE.

BTC urges unions act now on vote registration drive

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J. L. Childers said that Blue should be complimented for his countywide registration sign-up. A total of 1,000 deputy registrars will cover ever precinct in the county.

The County Council on Political Education, composed of nine BTC and nine Central Labor Council representatives, will be augmented to 31 to serve as a delegation to the county Democratic endorsing convention February 8.

It will interview and recommend endorsement of candidates before the Democratic meeting. After the session, however, the original 18 members will make their own endorsement recommendations independently of the Democrats.

Childers pointed out that this setup protects the BTC's identity.

The State BTC's meeting on "right to wreck" will be held at State BTC headquarters in San Francisco, preceding the State Federation's general strategy session. The BTC meeting will consider anti-RW fights in local areas.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

The BTC approved a resolution from the State BTC, urging that all work referral slips demand that the employer use the state compensation insurance fund rather than private compensation insurance.

Childers pointed out that 90 percent of private insurance companies fight payment for permanent disability and that unions often have to go to court to secure it.

CLAREMONT REZONING

The BTC concurred in a resolution of Carpenters Local 36 supporting the Claremont Hotel's petition for rezoning so it can build a \$2,000,000 addition. Childers was directed to appear at the Oakland planning commission hearing on the matter January 29.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

COUNSELLING CLASS NIGHT SESSIONS ARE SHIFTED

Both sessions of the Central Labor Council's counselling course for union officials will be held at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Assistant CLC Secretary Art Hellender announced this week.

Previous plans to hold night sessions at the headquarters of Communications Workers of America Local 9415 were cancelled because of previously scheduled meetings at CWA hall.

Classes to instruct business agents and stewards in referring members to welfare agencies will be held from 10 a.m. to noon and from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, February 13 to April 13.

Steadman seeking city council seat

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policy under which the city has permitted business zoning in the middle of residential areas, and the council's proposal to put construction of a civic center ahead of more vital improvements.

If he is elected, he said, he will seek to have more important projects such as sewers, and roads given priority.

Another matter which needs attention before the civic center the load on home owners.

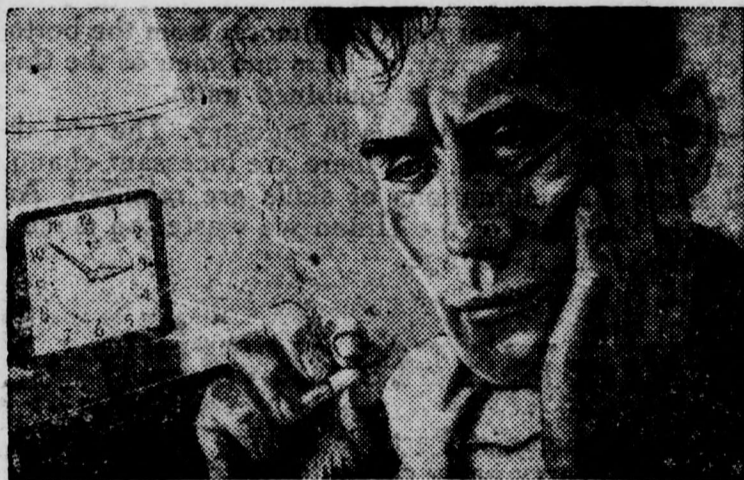
plan, he said, is arrangements to bring industry to Fremont to give it a sound tax base, lifting

Steadman, a delegate to the Central Labor Council, has been employed at Pacific States Steel, under Local 3367 contract, for more than 10 years.

Holmdahl enters race for post in State Senate

Oakland City Councilman John W. Holmdahl announced this week that he would seek the endorsement of the Alameda County Democratic Convention as a candidate for State Senator.

Holmdahl, an attorney, is a Democrat, who was elected to the council in 1955.



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Jurisdiction in 'State of Union' and in unions

The President in his State of the Union message emphasized a problem essentially the same as that which afflicts trade unionism. It is the problem of jurisdiction, of persuading groups with different skills and backgrounds to work together harmoniously for a common end.

As the world crisis intensifies there will be increased and sometimes drastic efforts to get the various branches of the Armed Services to pool their interests and present a genuinely united front. And let's not fool ourselves—right along with that effort on the military level there are going to be increased and sometimes very drastic efforts indeed to get us on the labor front to learn the same lesson.

United military activity is dependent upon united industrial effort. It's going to be hard enough to unite management and unions without complicating the problem by feuds between unions. This aspect of the problem will be doubly complicated by especially anti-labor management groups, and the politicians who serve them, such as Senator Knowland, fishing in the troubled waters for advantage.

Moreover, as the long series of other crucial problems cap- suled in the President's State of the Union Message really sink into the public consciousness, general impatience with any non- sense indulged in by the trade unions in their jurisdictional squabbles will enormously accelerate.

In New York State, where the Christmas season strike of the subway motormen's craft union aroused rage in the hearts of shoppers, commuters, and merchants, Republican politicians did intervene and promised to pass a State law which in effect would help the subway craft unions against the AFLCIO Transit Workers Union which now holds the jurisdiction.

There will be more cases of politicians on one side or the other of the fence making hay in the dubious sunshine of jurisdic- tional disputes within trade unionism. In fact, in the basic Taft-Hartley Law, there are clauses obviously put in to stimu- late disputes.

To return to the other jurisdictional battles those between branches of the Armed Services, the report on the Department of Defense made after a survey financed by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund makes it clear that the proposal for one Chief of Staff is not just the expression of an abstract ideal. It is rather the recognition of the fact that military evolution has blurred the old distinctions between the functions of Army, Navy, and Air Force; and that more and more, from the bottom up, not merely from the top down, officers and men of the three types will be working together in combined units.

Well, that's exactly the way it is in industry. The old skill distinctions are getting blurred, and there are incessant changes in which all sorts of combinations of skills are required. And in unionism as in the State of the Union we waste too much of our time fighting against change.

Card-carriers face hearing

In Poland the Communist Party is making a check of the factory workers who carry party cards, to determine how many of them should be expelled as passive card-carriers who do not firmly believe in the organization's principles.

Committees hold hearings in a factory and summon the workers before them.

"Why did you join the party if you did not believe in Com- munist?" one middle-aged woman was asked.

"I was told I would lose my job if I did not," she replied.

To one man the committee chairman said that "we are told you are disappointed in the party" to which he replied that he was, and gave his reasons.

In California a hearing will be held to determine what per- centage of our unionists are passive card-carriers. That hearing will be in November, when the open shop "right to work" proposition will be on the State ballot.

FOR THOSE WHO haven't time to read all the news items telling the effects of the present recession, here are just a few of the recent statistics from government and industry sources: manufacturing employment in California down 53,100 from the year ago figure, industrial and business construction on the Bay Area off \$6,439,000 in 1957; nationwide unemployment highest for any December in eight years; total of persons on relief or trying to get relief in Alameda County better than 10 percent more than January, 1957; unemployment claims in the Bay Area highest in eight years, almost double the number in De- cember, 1957. And there are lots more such figures.

Chins Up!



ECONOMIC 'BREATHES' IS MAKING MEN BREATHLESS

Layoffs and reduced produc- tion schedules have been spread- ing since last summer—during the fall season when non-farm employment and working hours should pick up.

By February and March there may be four million or more un- employed—the largest number of unemployed persons since the 1949 recession—unless quick action is taken to halt the cur- rent economic downturn.

Although Administration lead- ers refer to this situation as a "breather," it is of growing se- riousness to hundreds of thou- sands of families.

Unemployment has been ris- ing in most industries and in most parts of the country. Lay- offs and short work-weeks have resulted in reduced wage and salary incomes—a slight decline in September, followed by a sig- nificant decline in October.

These conditions, in turn, have brought declines in retail sales—in October, the physical vol- ume of retail sales was hardly any greater than a year ago.

Furthermore, unemployment was already greater than last year, when the present economic downward drift started. In Aug- ust, for example, before the cur- rent wave of layoffs began, there were about 200,000 more unem- ployed than in August 1956. By October, the number of unem- ployed persons was approxi- mately 400,000 above the previous year.

Unemployment has been mov- ing upward most of this year— slowly in the first-half, quickly in the second-half. Four percent or more of the civilian labor force has been unemployed in almost every month of 1957. Last summer, 4.2% of the civilian la- bor force was unemployed; in

Dinky dollar

\$1 an hour is even less than enough to provide for the mini- mum needs of a single woman worker with no dependents. Ac- cording to state survey's a mini- mum adequate budget for a sin- gle woman requires an hourly rate of at least \$1.15 based on 2,000 hours worked per year, or \$1.28 based on 1,000 hours per year.

Thus, the present minimum wage of \$1 an hour cannot begin to afford even a single worker without dependents a minimum standard of living. Yet millions, of workers and their families somehow exist on wages of less than \$1 an hour because they are forced to work in jobs that are not covered by the Fair La- bor Standards Act. — AFLCIO statement.

September, 4.3% of all persons willing and able to work were without jobs. . . .

It may be a "breather" for top level government circles in Washington. For families that depend on regular paychecks, "chins up" talk from Washing- ton isn't much help. Action is needed now to halt the further spread of unemployment and production cutbacks, by strengthening consumer buying power and encouraging econom- ic growth.

The belated and partial action of the Federal Reserve Board to reduce interest rates should be followed quickly by a general reversal of the Administration's tight-money policy.

The federal income tax struc- ture should be overhauled to pro- vide an equitable tax system and to strengthen consumer buying power.

The income tax on individuals can and should be cut without delay, when the Congressional session starts in January, with particular emphasis on reducing the tax burden on low and mid- dle-income families.

If additional federal revenue is needed, upwards of \$5 billion a year can be raised, without increasing tax rates, by elimin- ating tax loopholes of special privilege for wealthy families and corporations.—AFLCIO Eco- nomic Trends.

Red lauds West

We should learn from the West how to organize work. We should learn how to achieve a high level of productivity, how to be industrious, provident, thrifty and modest in living. We should remember that people in the West have achieved their higher standard of living by working diligently and effi- ciently. This is something we can learn from them. We should look at their work and not only at their neon lights.—Comm- unist Premier Cyrankiewicz of Po- land.

True, true!

Unemployment causes a chain reaction.

When John Smith, steel work- er, is unemployed, he spend less money.

He puts off those visits to the doctor and the dentist.

He can't meet the payments on that loan from the bank.

He buys less clothing and food for himself and his family.

He delays repairs on his house. Grocers, plumbers, theater managers, farmers—all feel the impact of his decreased spend- ing.—U. S. Department of State.

OPINIONS

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KNOWLAND FAILS TO MEET THE ISSUES

Editor, Labor Journal:

After listening to the Senator from California, Mr. William Knowland on Meet the Press, one wonders just how much the man is in the dark about so many issues, and yet he is the man is trying to champion the workers rights with his supposed union democracy, and seven points of worker freedom. The only answer he can give to ques- tions are evasive. He makes the statement that we are strong in our military might, when asked to explain, he mentions three branches, Army, Navy and Air Force, but when reminded that Russia was ahead in all three, he says do not sell America short. We know that our people should not be sold short, at any- time, but we are only as strong as we are informed, and the American public has not been fully informed until lately of the dangers we face, and just how much we are behind in the arms race with Russia.

The Air Force is almost a thing of the past, such as we now know it, the Navy is almost a sitting target, and manpower, well no one knows what it can do in an atomic war, as yet, and let's hope to God we do not have to find out.

As for the economic picture, he says the slump is only tempo- rary, and 1958 should be better than 1957. But the only way of improving it that he mentioned is through defense spending, and it should give considerable stimu- lus to business, but he does not mention at what cost to the pub- lic.

How far have we traveled when in this great industrial na- tion of ours we can only improve conditions through preparing for war. If the Senator and his party would call in Walter Reuther, and others in the labor move- ment I am sure he could get bet- ter and sounder methods in im- proving the economic condition of our country.

It is one thing to sit back and say the bad times are only tem- porary, but what of the hun- dreds of thousands who are out of jobs, and more being let out each day. The Senator is only one of many that hold so much in the belief that the Govern- ment has been in business on too great a scale, and if given a chance the business men (Big Business) would straighten out our economy. Well now is their chance. Why don't they do some- thing, improve our economy without defense spending, and without other Government con- tracts? I mention these things only to show that the Senator with his supposed know-how, cannot give any reasonable an- swers when asked questions be- fore the public.

As for the Senator backing the so called right to work bill, I also believe he is backed by those who believe that the work- ing man through his labor or- ganizations is more informed about economic and political happenings because of them, and he may begin asking em- barrassing questions of Senators and so forth. One can not go on giving evasive answers. With- out the unions to bother them they can try to bamboozle the average person easily.

Fraternally and sincerely,
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WRESTLING

There hasn't been a legitimate wrestling contest in 50 years. We tried it once. You could have heard a pin drop in the audito- rium.—Johnny Heim, Milwaukee wrestling promoter.